

SENATE BILL 1817

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 17, Chapter 5, relative to the Tennessee board of judicial conduct.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-5-202(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (7)(B) and substituting the following:

Bias, prejudice, and unfairness, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on gender or race;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-5-301(j)(1), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (G), deleting the period at the end of subdivision (H) and substituting the language "and", and adding the following as a new subdivision:

A persistent pattern of discrimination against litigants, witnesses, jurors, court personnel, or lawyers, including, but not limited to gender or racial bias or discrimination.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by the following as a new section:

A person who files a complaint with the board under this chapter and is aggrieved by a final decision of the board may file a petition for review in the chancery court located either in the county of the official residence of the judge who is the subject of the complaint or in the county in which such person resides.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.